

of its welfare-to-work initiatives, traditional welfare rolls declined by more than 95 percent. But that's not all. More babies are being born healthy, more children are receiving immunizations, and fewer families are living in poverty.

These achievements are a result of the partnership of several organizations working together with families to address their community's needs. One such partner is the Taliaferro County Board of Commissioners and, in particular, Mrs. Jane Hubert. Commissioner Hubert has been faithful throughout the years, attending the monthly collaborative meetings and supporting its special events, including the bike rodeo, back to school bash, street dance, and more. According to Mrs. Butts, over the past 19 years, the Board of Commissioners "has supported every aspect of everything" Family Connection has ever done. "Everything I've needed they've come through with all these years," she said.

For these reasons and on the occasion of its 19th Anniversary, it is my honor to acknowledge Taliaferro County Family Connection and the partners that contribute to its success. Furthermore, I extend my personal appreciation to the families who join hand-in-hand with this worthy organization to ensure that their children succeed in school and beyond.

HONORING OLEALIA BRADSHAW

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable unsung hero, Mrs. Olealia Bradshaw of Mississippi.

Olealia Bradshaw was born to the late Spencer and the late Earnestine Frye on September 25th 1948. She is a graduate of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Mound Bayou, MS and later attended Coahoma Community College, where she obtained an Associate Degree in Social Studies.

Realizing the study of history was not her passion, she furthered her studies at Delta State University receiving a Bachelor Degree in Home. While at Delta State University, she met and later married standout football player, Jimmy Lee Bradshaw. To that union, four children were born: Gabriel, Michellida, Rasheda, and Ernestine.

Upon graduating from Delta State University, Olealia began teaching at John F. Kennedy High School and she remained a teacher for twenty-nine years. Throughout the years, students, co-workers and community residents have expressed how she blessed their lives, personally and professionally. Although her influence in the realm of education is immeasurable, Olealia considers her greatest achievement to be her total surrender to the Will of God Almighty, and her desire to live a life that is pleasing to Him. She is a faithful member of St. Mark Church of God in Christ where she serves as the Sunday School Superintendent.

She lives her life in servitude to others. She and her late husband would open their home for the homeless and provided various services to the homeless to be able to re-establish their independence.

Mrs. Bradshaw is a mentor to many children, not only when she was in the edu-

cational system, but in her neighborhood and Christian community. She is someone who is admired, loved and respected for how she speaks the truth of the matters at hand.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Olealia Bradshaw for being an unsung hero to others in the Mississippi Delta.

COMMEMORATING MARYLAND'S FALLEN HEROES

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of one of our nation's most important holidays, Memorial Day. On Monday, May 29, we will honor the brave men and women who have given their lives to this great nation. Over the course of our nation's history, countless Marylanders have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom here at home and to liberate others from tyranny abroad. Since the War on Terror began in 2002, more than 135 Marylanders have died fighting for what they believe in.

Amidst the festivities and parades we will all enjoy on Monday, let us not lose sight of the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform, or the sacrifices made by the families they leave behind. These heroes and their families deserve our utmost respect, support, and gratitude. May God bless these fallen heroes and their families, and may God bless the United States of America.

BRET ELZEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bret Elzey for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Bret Elzey is a student at Goal Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Bret Elzey is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bret Elzey for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TREVOR KINGSLEY GRAHAM

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Trevor

Graham as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2017.

Trevor will graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and he will receive a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 26, 2017.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Trevor's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Trevor and his accomplishments. We look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy officer.

As Trevor embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Trevor my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHIEF TIM GREEN FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Tim Green of the Carmel Police Department. For over three decades, Chief Green has displayed courage, resilience, and leadership in serving the city of Carmel and its residents. During his tenure, Carmel was deemed the safest city to raise a child and best place to live in America, according to multiple national studies. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Chief Green's commitment to making the City of Carmel and the wider community of Hamilton County a safer, better place to live.

After graduating from North Central High School, Chief Green earned a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement from Calumet College. He then went on to graduate from the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia, the FBI Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Academy. Chief Green has served the Carmel Police Department for 35 years. He was first hired as a patrolman at age twenty-two. He has served as Commander of the Special Investigations Division, Director of the Hamilton County Drug Task Force, and was Assistant Chief of Police for 16 years. In 2011, Mayor Jim Brainard appointed Chief Green to lead the Department as Carmel's Chief of Police, where he has served with distinction for the last six years.

Chief Green's commitment to quality police work and professionalism on the force has ensured the safety of our citizens, and has made Carmel a great place to live and do business. His colleagues have described him as a strong leader and great mentor. Chief Green's